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Electric bills to increase $6.35

Jackson Energy residential customers will soon see their monthly electric bills increase by $2.35, with an additional $4 per month added by September of next year.

The increases are the result of two separate cases approved recently by the Kentucky Public Service Commission (PSC).

In a February 20 order, the commission approved a partial renovation of a coal-burning plant owned by Jackson Energy's electric supplier, East Kentucky Power (EKP).

The $15 million renovation of EKP's Cooper Power Plant in Pulaski County will reduce emissions, and put it into compliance with federal air quality standards.

Residential customers will see a .35 cents increase on their environmental surcharge because of the upgrade.

Last Thursday, the PSC approved a 4.6 percent increase, or $4.11 million in annual revenue, increase in monthly charges for Jackson Energy.

The increase was attributed to a deteriorating financial situation for the utility, the PSC said in a press release.

"We felt a cost adjustment that would not impact electric usage, which is often determined by weather, was the best solution for Jackson Energy and our members," said Jackson Energy President and CEO Carol Wright in a written statement to the Enterprise. "This will result in just over a 5% increase in revenue for Jackson Energy, and our members will know in advance exactly how much the charge will be each month on the bill."

In the same statement, Jackson Energy spokesperson Karen Combs said, "The residential customer charge adjustment will be implemented in three stages – a $2 increase effective March 1, and showing up on the April bill, raising the charge to $12.44; another $2 increase in September 2014, from $12.44 to $14.44; and a third increase in September 2015 to $16.44.

"Jackson Energy's finances began declining in 2012 as a result of increasing operations costs. Final financial figures were not available until early 2013 for management to consider the need for additional revenue. Jackson Energy then had to perform an extensive cost of service survey before filing with the Kentucky Public Service Commission. The request was filed in August 2013.

In its statement, the PSC said Jackson Energy "should have known much sooner that its finances were declining and should have moved with more urgency to address the issue."

Jackson Energy's last rate increase came in June 2008.

The utility serves about 51,240 customers in Lee, Owsley, Powell, Breathitt, Estill, Jackson, Wolfe, Clay, Garrard, Laurel, Leslie, Madison, Pulaski and Rockcastle counties.

Parole hearings set for 12

Parole hearings are scheduled this month for nine people convicted in Lee County and three in Owsley. Some are parole eligible this month, including some that were convicted earlier this year.

Lee County: Deborah Bowman, housed in the Kentucky Correctional Institute for Women, is eligible for parole in May. She was convicted February 22, 2010 for possession of a controlled substance in the first degree.

Jim Bob Lowe, housed in the Luther Luckett Correctional Complex, is eligible for parole in May. He was convicted on April 19, 2010 of promoting contraband in the first degree.

Betty M. Thorpe, housed in the Casey County Detention Center, is eligible for parole in May. She was convicted September 24, 2012 of unlawful imprisonment in the first degree.

John Brashears, housed in the Three Forks Regional Jail, is eligible for parole this month. Brashears was convicted on January 21 of this year for receiving stolen property over $500, but under $10,000.

James Burton, housed in the Three Forks Regional Jail, is eligible for parole this month. Burton was convicted January 21 of this year for trafficking in a controlled substance in the first degree (less than two grams of heroin).

James David Fultz, housed in the Three Forks Regional

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Here we snow again

Beattyville's Main Street was a solid sheet of ice Tuesday morning following the snow and ice that hit the area Sunday night and on into Monday. Even major roads in the area were impassable causing schools and businesses to close.

Southside renovation steps taken

The Lee County School Board last Thursday evening took the first steps toward the renovation of Southside Elementary School.

In a called meeting, the board decided on the type of heating and air-conditioning it wants; approved the plan to submit to the state for approval; and selected the firm it wants to conduct soil sampling.

A consultant to the architect told the board that he believed a type of HVAC known as VRV (variable regrigarant volume) would be best for the type of construction plan (phases) that is to be used. He also said that it costs $300,000 less than geothermal, which the board had asked to be looked at.

The board approved VRV.

In approving its plan to go to the state, the board also included the construction manager's fee of $160,000 for the first phase. The Codell Company from Winchester is the construction manager.

The architect recommended, and the board accepted, a company called CSI to conduct five soil borings. They are necessary to know the weight the soil can take so there is no future cracking in the additions.

The first phase of the construction concerns primarily several new classrooms to absorb the students who will be moving from Beattyville Elementary.

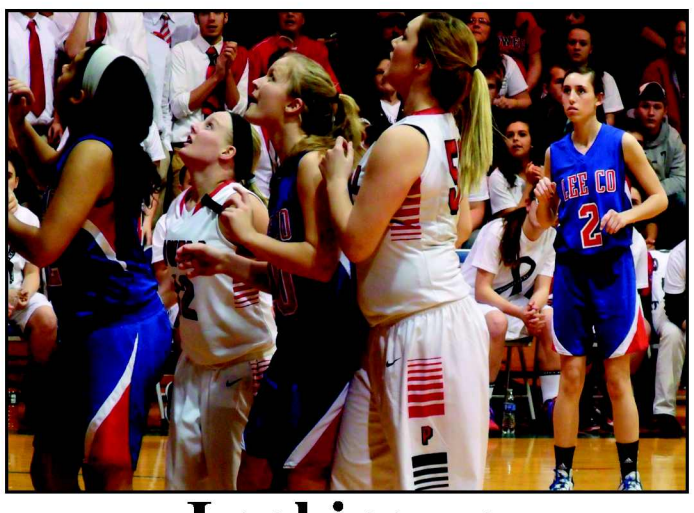
That phase costs $2.3 million.

Phase Two, which costs an estimated $6.7 million, will include a new kitchen/lunchroom and extensions to the gymnasium.

During the meeting, Director of Pupil Personnel Ray Shuler shared the latest school calendar with the Enterprise.

It shows the last day for students being June 3. However, that was before this most recent snow and ice, which closed schools again. Already, Lee County students had missed 22 days because of inclement weather.

The calendar shows three days in April that the board could use if it so decides. Those days, April 2, 3 and 4 are for professional development and Kentucky Education Association meetings.



Looking up

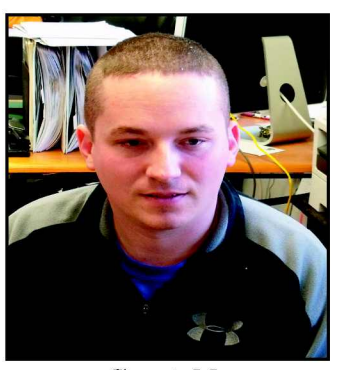
The Lee County Lady Kats fought hard last Thursday evening against the Powell County Lady Pirates in the championship game of the 56th District Tournament. Even though they lost, the Lady Kats advanced to the regional tournament in Leslie County. (More photos from district play on Page 5.)

Constables oppose proposed bill

Lee County Constable Jonathan Shuler, who is also the executive director of the Kentucky Constables Association, is fighting against proposed state legislation that could eliminate many of not all constables.

According to Shuler, HB 158, which is in a House committee, would permit fiscal courts to decide if they wanted to have constables in their counties.

He said rural counties, such as Lee, need constables because other law enforcement officers are too few and spread too thin.



Constable Jonathan Shuler.

"Constables are valuable to rural areas," he said Thursday.

Shuler himself has worked 42 felonies and 24 misdemeanors over the past two and a half years. Also he works as a bailiff in the courts once or twice a week. He works accidents. He flags traffic. He answers calls, and he serves papers.

Shuler is asking that all local residents contact state Rep. Toby Herald of Beattyville to ask him to work against the bill.



A Lee County ambulance, with black draped over the top, helped lead the funeral procession Friday afternoon for the late Rachel Reese. Reese, who died the previous Monday, worked as an EMT for 27 years. Known for her generosity in life, Reese left numerous organs upon her death.



Opinion/News Page

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

By State Representative Toby Herald

The Time is Now to Make Kentucky A Right to Work State

Thank goodness for West Virginia. It's a statement we often hear when a survey comes out ranking Kentucky at or near the bottom in regards to our health or our economy. USA Today recently published a report entitled "The Most Miserable States in the USA" that based on survey results ranking Kentucky as the second most miserable state in the country. Only West Virginia was ranked worse in the survey.

It's proof that we in Kentucky have remained stagnant for too long, and we as a Commonwealth must take bold steps to overcome it. That is why the Kentucky Right to Work Act was filed this week.

The Act, which was filed as House Bill 496, simply states "...no employee shall be required, as a condition of employment or to stay employed to become a member of a labor organization or pay any dues." Those of us who advocate for right to work fully support a person's right to join a union, but at the same time we also fully support the right for a person not to join one as well.

The reasons for filing the Right to Work Act are based on independent studies and data that show states with right to work laws have an advantage when attracting new businesses and expanding their economies. The U.S. Department of Commerce reported the percentage growth in total private sector jobs over the past decade was 15.3 percent for states with right to work laws, and 7.3 percent in states without them. Kentucky's rate was a sluggish 6.9 percent.

According to the U.S. Labor Department's Bureau of Labor Statistics, the percentage growth in real private-sector employee compensation in states with right to work laws is 14.2 percent, compared to 6.1 percent in states without right to work laws. Like with the previous statistics, Kentucky ranked low at 4.3 percent.

These are just two examples of why Kentucky must move out of the way of the free market like Indiana, Tennessee, and even Michigan has done to enable more job creation and let our citizens find better opportunities for employment, while strengthening our economy and putting more real dollars in the pockets of our workers. That is why the Kentucky Chamber of Commerce, the Kentucky Association of Manufacturers, the Association of Builders and Contractors of Kentuckiana and a host of local chambers support House Bill 496.

It's time to bring real choice to the Commonwealth and make Kentucky a right to work state.

I welcome your comments and concerns on any issues impacting our Commonwealth during the 2014 Regular Session. I can be reached through the toll-free message line in Frankfort at 1-800-372-7181, or you can contact me via e-mail at toby.herald@lrc.ky.gov. You can keep track of committee meetings and potential legislation through the Kentucky Legislature Home Page at www.lrc.ky.gov, and I also encourage you to follow the House Republican Caucus on Facebook and Twitter.

Dear Editor

Dear Editor:

I saw in your paper that the county judge's assistant finally agreed to let us have our scanners back if we all pay $500 a piece.

If you remember, we all had good scanners that was bought and paid for. Nothing was wrong with them. They worked real good.

The county judge's office put in another system without telling any of us. They just destroyed our scanners, which blocked us from hearing. I guess the people just really didn't matter.

We are now being offered a repaired hand held scanner for $500. Most people in Lee County live hard and are way below the poverty level. How can they pay $500 and meet their bills?

I have looked in catalogs and on the internet at scanner prices. None of the hand held kind cost more than half the amount we're being asked for. Somebody must be making a good profit off us.

I can't see why the scanner numbers can't be give out and the people can buy the radios when they have the money.

Morris Peters

From the Judge's Desk

By Judge Steve Mays

One of the most important duties of county government is road maintenance and safety. From blacktopping in the summer to plowing and salting in the winter, the road crews of county, state, and city never stop. This has been an especially difficult winter for the road departments because of consistent low temperatures mixed with rain and snow. They continue to work around the clock to make the roads as safe as possible for people who must travel. If you have to get out on the roads be sure to drive slow, break early, and be cautious of other drivers.

As you have heard on the news, many counties have run out of salt. Other counties are forced to buy from surrounding counties, state highways, or place expensive orders from companies. Some counties are also starting to spot salt their roads, where they are only hitting the hills and curves as to conserve their salt. So if you are traveling away from home be sure to drive cautious. Lee County still has available salt from where we ordered in the summer when market prices are lower. Our supply should last though March. Recently, the county purchased a new Case Backhoe for our road department are we will also be getting two Mac trucks this month.

Thank you to our county workers who have continuously worked to plow and salt our roads. According to the weather service we are in for a wintery March so keep an eye on the news and I will also do my best to keep you updated though CodeRed Home calling.

Mark your calendars. Senator Mitch McConnell will be in Lee County on April the 18th. Starting at 12:00pm, he will give us an update on the activity in Washington.

Religious discrimination in America

By Glenn Mollette

Arizona legislatures pulled a dandy. They asked their Governor to sign a bill allowing any business the freedom to discriminate based on religious beliefs. The Governor vetoed the bill.

The First Amendment guaranteeing our nation the freedom of religion is not a legal loophole that allows religious people to hurt other people based on prejudice or interpretation of the Bible or any other religious book.

A lot of noise has been made recently about the Middlesboro, Kentucky pastor and church that handled poisonous snakes. National Geographic reality star of "Snake Salvation," Jamie Coots was bitten by a timber rattler almost two weeks ago and died within 90 minutes. He and his family refused medical treatment based on their interpretation of the Bible. I personally think they are crazy.

Simply because someone interprets the Bible, Koran or any other religious book a certain way does not give that person the right to hurt other people. Nor should anyone discriminate against another person because of race, nationality, money or gender preferences.

I do not understand why anyone would want to be gay. There is not a gay molecule in my frame. Because someone is gay does not give me or anyone else the right to not provide service in a restaurant or a seat on the bus.

Nor should one's sexual preference prohibit him or her from working the same job anyone else does.

I do understand that the majority of religious people in America believe that a gay lifestyle is a wrong lifestyle and is forbidden by the Bible. Please keep in mind that most church people believe it is wrong for a man and woman to live together without being legally married. Most church people believe stealing, killing and lying are wrong as well.

A church or religious entity traditionally has not hired ministers that were practicing thieves, murderers or liars or living with someone not in a legal marriage relationship. Is this discrimination? I don't think so. The average employer in America is only using commonsense if they decide to terminate someone because that person is a thief or liar or maybe causing disruption in the office by sleeping around with all the staff.

Religious entities that interpret the Bible as saying that a gay lifestyle is an unacceptable lifestyle should never be forced to hire someone that is gay. There are a few churches that are hiring gay persons because they believe it is acceptable. This is America where we have freedom of religion. Keep in mind there are also thousands of churches that still would never hire a woman to serve as a minister. There are also many that would never dream of hiring a divorced minister because they believe divorce is biblically unacceptable.

Arizona badly blundered on the concept of trying to create a law that allows discrimination in any business realm based on religious belief. Could this apply to someone divorced? Could they apply this rule to someone that is a habitual liar? What about church deacons who curse, smoke, chew and date girls who do? Would this rule apply to fat Christians? Whoops... sorry I forgot that gluttony is the Christian sin of choice.

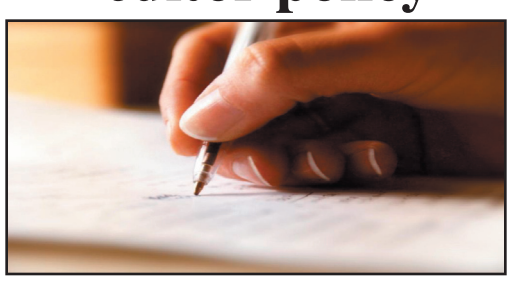
Many of the very best people I know I met in church. However, religious people can be some of the meanest people in the world. A religious crowd was involved in nailing Jesus to the cross. Religious people are at the root of the problems in the Middle East.

If someone refuses to do business with another person it should not be based on prejudices and perceptions. Anyone abiding by the law and living in a respectful manner that is not disruptive or harmful to society deserves the same services as anyone else.

Finally, I doubt if an African American church will ever offer me a job as their senior pastor, although I would really like that.

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6 Tips For Speaking With Someone Who Stutters

Stuttering may look like a problem that can be easily solved with simple advice, but for many adults, it can be a chronic life-long disorder. Here are some ways that you, the listener, can help.

1 Don't make remarks like: "Slow down," "Take a breath," or "Relax." Such simplistic advice can be felt as demeaning and is not helpful.

2 Let the person know by your manner that you are listening to what he or she says — not how they say it.

3 Maintain natural eye contact and wait patiently and naturally until the person is finished.

4 You may be tempted to finish sentences or fill in words. Try not to do so.

5 Be aware that those who stutter usually have more trouble controlling their speech on the telephone. Please be patient in this situation. If you pick up the phone and hear nothing, be sure it is not a person who stutters trying to start the conversation before you hang up.

6 Speak in an unhurried way — but not so slowly as to sound unnatural. This promotes good communication with everyone.

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Minding Miss Manners: Advice for Speaking with a Person Who Stutters

This week, the nationally-syndicated advice column "Miss Manners" advised readers on speaking with a person who stutters. Judith Martin, the legendary "Miss Manners" advice columnist since 1978, responded to an inquiry about the proper protocol when speaking with a person who stutters.

The reader asked:

"DEAR MISS MANNERS: What is the proper protocol when speaking with someone who has a stutter? Is it considered helpful or rude to assist him in completing a sentence or question?"

Miss Manners responded:

"GENTLE READER: How can you assist someone in completing his or her statement unless you already know what that person was intending to say? And if you already know what is going to be said, why bother holding a conversation?

"So yes, it is considered rude to finish other people's sentences. And Miss Manners wants it to be clear that this applies not only to stutterers, but to spouses as well."

"Miss Manners nailed it," said Jane Fraser, president of the Stuttering Foundation. "We are thrilled that she chose this topic to address in her column.

This is one of the most frequently asked questions we receive, and her response is the perfect advice for anyone curious about speaking with a person who stutters.

Church Page

Obituaries



Rachel Reese

Rachel Marie Reese, the daughter of Thomas Robert and Janet Sue Fox Reese of Beattyville, Kentucky, was born in Lexington, Kentucky on December 19, 1966 and departed this life in Lexington on February 24, 2014 at the age of 47 years, 2 months, and 5 days. She was a member of the Southside Church of Christ. After graduating from Lee County High School, Rachel received an Associate Degree from Lees College and worked as an EMT for 27 years where she was the Assistant Emergency Management Agency Director. She took much pride in making people smile by dressing up as the lovable "Miss Hazel" for several years. Rachel was a proud Organ Donor, helping at least five families through her organ donation.

In addition to her parents, Rachel is survived by one sister, Cindy Brandenburg and husband Jimmy of Beattyville, Kentucky; one niece, Candy Vanderpool and husband Bradley of Columbia, Kentucky; one nephew, Robbie Brandenburg and wife Jennifer; a great nephew, Blake Brandenburg; a special nephew, Dylan Wilson; special friends, Sharon Nations, Daphne Marshall; and the Tireys all of Beattyville; and a host of cousins, aunts, uncles, and friends.

She was preceded in death by her puppy Crickett.

Geneva Pearl Fox

Geneva Pearl Fox, 82 of Beattyville, passed away Tuesday, March 4, at the Lee County Care and Rehab.

She was the widow of Gerald Fox.

Geneva was born May 7, 1931 in Lee County to the late Albert Coomer and Mavery Turner comer.

She was a member of the Baptist Church.

Geneva Fox is survived by her daughters Dorris June Harrison (Dwight) of Beattyville, Gail McIntosh (Larry) of Beattyville and Joyce Elaine Deaton of Somerset; sons Randy Fox (Patricia) of Beattyville and Ronnie Fox of Beattyville; grandchildren Randy Gerald Fox (Amanda), Laura Spiegle, Mandy Fox, (Special – James Edward Fox), Derrik Williams, Patty Fox, Sonny Stepp, Marla Fox, Scotty Sneed, Jennifer, and Edward Sneed; a host of great-grandchildren; and great-great-grandchildren Preston Gabriel Fox, Wesley Gibson and Casyn Joe.

She was preceded in death by her husband, parents, two sons – James and Billy Deaton, and a granddaughter – Tricia Ann Kidd.

Funeral services for Geneva Pearl Fox will be held this Thursday, March 6, at the Newnam Funeral Home with Bro. Gary Connor officiating.

Burial will be in the Fox Cemetery on Dunigan Branch Road with the Newnam Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.



Preacher Bob's Korner

By Billy A. Davis

OLYMPICS

(Sports)

The Olympics are now over and most people agree they were a success.

There certainly was a lot of energy, planning and money spent.

We thank God for the prayers that went up for their safety. I believe they were many and effective.

We will look and the negative and positive aspects of sports and the Olympics.

POSITIVE

Discipline – There certainly was a lot of discipline displayed by these international athletes. Without this discipline they would not have been there.

They were real role models to our young and hopeful. I believe they help justify their existence.

Determination – Perseverance, I believe, is a real mark of character. This was inspiring to those who watched the Olympics.

"I hate to see things done by halves; if it be right do it boldly; if it be wrong leave it undone." (Gilpin)

Desire – I believe desire is half the battle or even more.

Many times it's not the most gifted that wins, but the one who wants it (the win) the most. It overcomes adversity.

NEGATIVE

Dangers – There are always dangers in any competitive sport.

It is a risk that is taken when we compete.

Destructive – Here is another risk that is taken. There can be destructive effects.

We think of the number of concussions, especially in professional football.

This is a real problem. Legs also suffer permanent damage.

Disappointments – Everybody cannot win. I am sure there was disappointment at the Olympics.

But, if one worked hard, he has nothing to be ashamed of. I like it that there are three levels of winning – gold, silver and bronze.

"How disappointment, tracks the steps of hope." (L. E. London)

CONCLUSION

When Paul was at Corinth, the Olympics were going on there. He saw the athletes training vigorously.

He said Christians should exercise as hard as the Olympic athletes.



Fenley Gibson

Fenley Gibson, age 76, widower of Mildred (McIntosh) Gibson, passed away Thursday, February 27, 2014 at the University of Kentucky Markey Cancer Center in Lexington, KY.

Fenley was born in the Lerose Community of Owsley County, KY on April 21, 1937, a son of the late Taylor and Mary (Caudill) Gibson. He was a retired farmer, enjoyed making grapevine crafts with his wife, and attended the St. Helens Christian Church in Beattyville, KY.

He is survived by 1 son; Stephen (Zina) Gibson of Booneville, KY, 1 daughter; Kathy (Ronald) Adamson of Winchester, KY, 4 sisters; Elsie Musick of St. Paul, VA, Mary Ann Brown of Jeffersonville, KY, Allison Colinsworth of Dayton, OH, and Christine (Bruce) Tucker of Stamping Ground, KY, 4 grandchildren; Jerry Lee (Ashley) Callahan II, Nicholas Gibson, Jacqueline (Greg) Drake, and Cody Gibson, 2 great-grandchildren; Devin and Hannah Callahan, along with many other loving family members and friends.

Fenley was preceded in death by his parents, his wife of 53 years, 2 sisters; Oma Fox and Bertha Roberts, 3 brothers; Stanley, Delbert, and Charles Gibson.

Funeral Service were held Sunday, March 2, 2014 at 2:00 PM at the Booneville Funeral Home with Pastor Walter Turner officiating. Fenley will be laid to rest next to his wife in the Lerose Cemetery. To leave the family a special message visit www.boonevillekyfuneralhome.com. The Booneville Funeral Home in charge of all arrangements.

Zareda Spencer

Zareda Spencer, 80 of Beattyville, passed away Saturday, March 1, at the Owsley County Health Care Center.

She was the widow of Eric Clayton Spencer, Sr.

Zareda was born May 10, 1933 in Lee County to the late Larence Barker and Icie Spencer Barker.

She was a member of the Primrose Auxillary Fire Department and the Wide Creek Community Church.

Zereda is survived by her daughters Loretta (Bill) Wright of Shelby Township, MI and Ruth Spencer of Beattyville; sons Rodney (Tammi) Spencer of Middleton, TX, Eric Clayton Spencer, Jr., and special friend Sherry Rogers of Beattyville; sister Greeba Davis of Michigan; brother Clarence Barker of Michigan; seven grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband of 55 years and five brothers.

Funeral services will be held Friday, March 7, at the Newnam Funeral Home Chapel with Bro. Mike Spencer and Bill Wright officiating. Visitation will be the previous evening from 6 to 9 p. m. at the funeral home.

Burial will be in the Riverview Cemetery with the Newnam Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

NEW MISSIONARY
Elder White is from Arizona



From a family of ten children. His sisters have served missions in the Phillipines, Quito Equador and Taipei, Taiwan.

He plans to study nursing when he returns home next year.

He will be working with the current missionary, Elder Torgerson, here in Lee, Wolfe, and Owsley Counties.

"I decided to serve a mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints because I know it is the restored Church that Christ himself established in His day."

If you see us on the street or have

questions and would like to speak

with us, please call us at 1-606-802-8051

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A different view

By Betty Crabtree



In John 16:36 Amp., there is a verse that is informative, which most people realize and the verse is most comforting. It says, "In the world (the system opposed to God) you have tribulation (troubles) and trials and distress and frustration (Do we ever have that?); but be of good cheer; take courage; be confident, certain, undaunted! For I have overcome the world. [I have deprived it of power to harm you and have conquered it for you.] Thank you Jesus!

Such good words of hope and encouragement are in so many verses. In Psalms 94:17-18 Amp., it says, "Unless the Lord had been my help, I would soon have dwelt in [the Lord where there is] silence. When I said, my foot is slipping, your mercy and loving kindness, O Lord, held me up."

And Verse 19 says, "In the multitude of my [anxious] thoughts within me (and oh, boy, do we ever have anxious worrying, fearful, lots of not-so-good thoughts within) but your comforts cheer and delight my soul!"

Then in Verses 12 and 13 it says, "Blessed (this word often implies the kind acts of God) (happy, fortunate, to be envied) is the man (or woman) whom you discipline and instruct, O Lord, and teach out of Your law. That You may give him power to keep himself calm in the days of adversity, until the [inevitable] pit of corruption is dug for the wicked."

The pit? A place of humbling for the wicket? The wicked? Him who has done wrong. Corruption? To sink down to the lowest place, to decay. To decay sounds strange, though. But a gardener knows that when you plant a seed in the ground it has to decay in order to become what it's meant to be. When we choose to not follow the teachings of the good of God's Word or when we fail to accept the love of God through Christ Jesus (that in itself, accepting the gift of salvation through Christ) mankind digs his own pit, and that's not a good place to be.

Enough said!

Beattyville Assembly of God Welcomes the Holleys

Submitted by Allen Booth

Beattyville Assembly of God, 1143 Hwy 52 West, welcomes Pastors Keith and Stacy Holley from Bisbee, Arizona. They were Associate Pastors and worked with the youth of the community there. Pastor Keith was also a manager for Verizon and Stacy is a registered nurse. They are both originally from Ohio, but met at Evangel University in Springfield, Missouri.

Pastors Holley and the entire congregation invite you to come join us. On Sunday, we have Sunday School (10:00 a.m.) and Church/Children's Church (11:00 a.m.). On Wednesday at 7:00 p.m., we have Bible study for adults and special children's programs that include teaching, Bible quiz, and the arts. Looking forward to seeing you soon!

Bishop in concert

Sunday, March 9, at 11 a. m., acclaimed gospel music singer and songwriter Mark Bishop will be in concert during the morning worship service at Torrent First Church of God.

Sunday School will be held at the regular time, 10 a. m. It will be a good time of Christian fellowship and an opportunity to meet Mark Bishop. Please join us for this special event.

The church is located at 1350 Hwy 11, six miles south of Natural Bridge State Park. For more information call 606-668-3524.



LEE COUNTY SCHOOL NEWS

Basketball season winds down

56th District play in photos



The 2013-2014 basketball season continued on for the Lee County Lady Kats by virtue of them coming in second place in the 56th District Tournament held in Beattyville.

The Lady Kats won their first game of the tournament 52-48 over Owsley County, but could not keep up with the Lady Pirates of Powell County. Powell won the championship 65-43.

The Lady Kats were scheduled to play Breathitt County in the first round of the 14th Region Tournament Tuesday night at Leslie County.

Lee County's record was 10-15 heading into the tournament.

The Lee County Bobcats saw their season end in the first round of the 56th District Tournament when they lost to Estill County 67-58.

The Bobcats came out determined and led 12-0 at the end of the first quarter. However, Estill had more gasoline in the tank along with a much taller team.

Lee County ended the season 8-23.

Eye to Eye

with David Blandford, M.D.

NORMAL-TENSION GLAUCOMA

While elevated intraocular (inside the eye) pressure is often a major sign of glaucoma, damage to the optic nerve can also occur without high pressure or fluid build-up. So-called "normal-tension glaucoma" (NTG) may occur among people with eye pressure in the normal range as a result of intracranial pressure in the brain or compromised blood flow, both of which damage the optic nerve by depriving it of oxygen. It may also simply be that the optic nerve is more fragile in some people. Whatever the reason for NTG, it takes a comprehensive eye exam to diagnose it. Aside from measuring intraocular pressure and inspecting the optic nerve for damage, the visual field should be tested to determine optic nerve function.

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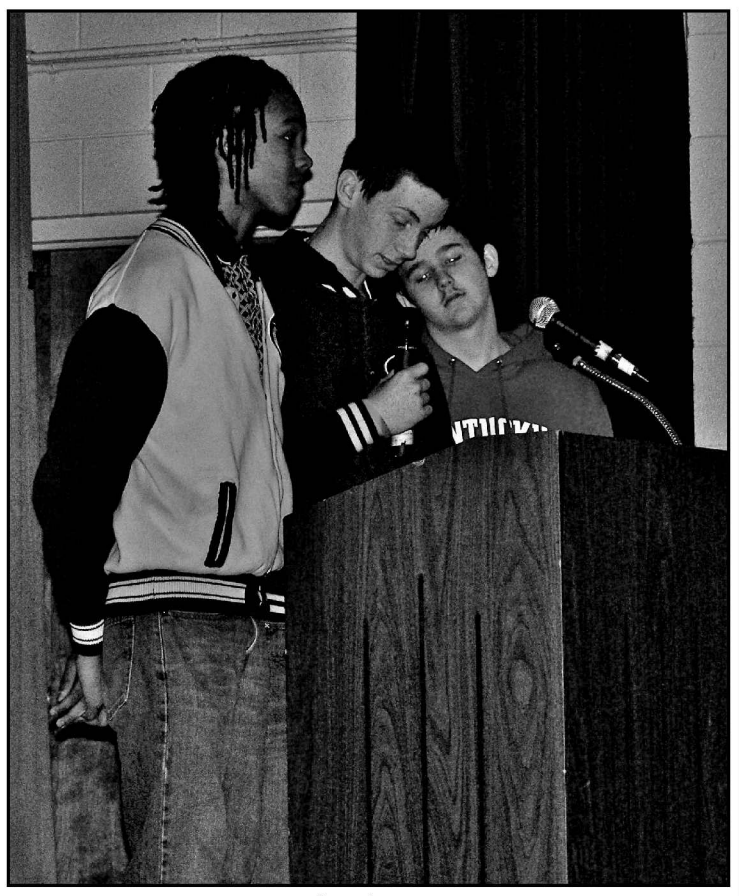
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News - Local/regional



A celebration

Lee County Middle School celebrated Black History Month last Friday in the Sedley Stewart Auditorium. Named, "A Time of Celebration," the even included speeches, songs and dances. Shown here are E. J. Thompson, Joe Shelton and Dylan McQueen who spoke of their friendship. All students and staff wore bracelets with the saying, "Change the word with you choice." It was designed by student Kaytlynn Snowden.

'Parole' From front

Jail, is eligible for parole this month. Fultz was convicted January 21 of this year for theft by unlawful taking more than $500, but less than $10,000.

Jamie Law, housed in the Three Forks Regional Jail, is eligible for parole this month. Law was convicted January 21 of this year for trafficking in a controlled substance in the second degree.

Thelma Warner Moore, housed in the Three Forks Regional Jail, is eligible for parole this month. Moore was convicted January 21 of this year for promoting contraband in the first degree.

Laura Osborne, housed in the Three Forks Regional Jail, is eligible for parole this month. Osborne was convicted January 21 of this year for promoting contraband in the first degree and possession of a controlled substance in the first degree.

Owsley County: David Back, III, housed in the Three Forks Regional Jail, is eligible for parole in May. Back was convicted October 4, 1011 for unlawful possession of a meth precursor.

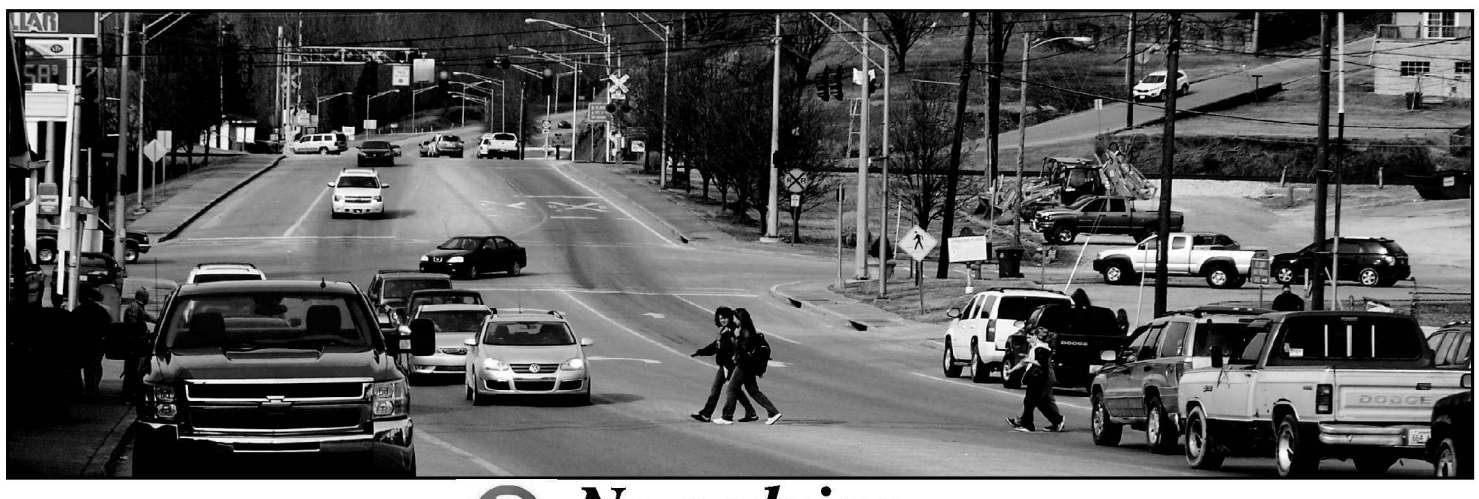
William A. Dotson, housed in the Three Forks Regional Jail, is eligible for parole in May. Dotson was convicted January 6 of this year for receiving stolen property over $500, but under $10,000.

David L. Smith, housed in the Three Forks Regional Jail, is eligible for parole this month. Smith was convicted January 6 of this year for receiving stolen property over $500, but less than $10,000.

Needing ribs?
Cliffview BBQ & Brew now open

Cliffview BBQ & Brews opened for business last Friday at the entrance to the Cliffview Resort. Owner Jesse Morris says the barbecue part is in place and the brew part is to come soon. Shown (left to right) are Marita Moore, Stacey Edwards, Penny Stone and Morris.





No pedxing

Even though there is no longer a school crossing on Broadway in front of Beattyville Elementary, parents and students continue to cross there as they were last Friday afternoon.

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Courthouse Page

Deeds

Deed
Carl Stepp of Rock of Ages Road to Jeffrey Lynn Brandenburg of Silver Creek Road a tract of land in Lee County.
Recorded February 24.

Deed
Judy Short Clifton and Charlie Clifton, III, of Georgetown to James W. Brandenburg of KY 587 two tracts of land in Lee County.
Recorded February 26.

Deed
James McIntosh and Candice McIntosh of KY 1812 to Michael McIntosh of Proctor Bottom Road a tract of land along Spring Branch.
Recorded February 27.

Deed
Christopher David Lauer of Grant, AL to David L. Lauer and Judy E. Lauer of Grant, AL a tract of land along Walkers Creek.
Recorded February 27.

Deed
Lee County Habitat for Humanity to Jordan Horn and Connie Horn of Beattyville a tract of land in Lee County.
Recorded February 27.

Snooze you lose

Lee County Constable Jonathan Shuler last week said that during a recent session of Lee District Court he saw a man sleeping in the audience.

He went back to the man, and brought him before District Judge William D. "Bo" Leach, who charged the man with contempt of court. The man was then placed in the dock.

Shuler said a person called him back to where the man, Billy Joe Chatt, had been sitting and found a large bottle of assorted pills.

Chatt,of Beattyville, was then charged with possession of a controlled substance and controlled substance not in original container. Some of the pills were legitimate, and were in the correct bottle.

Pruning tips

Ted Johnson, CEA for Agriculture



Pruning is a necessary part of home orchard care. Prune trees to direct growth, maintain health, and manage fruit-bearing potential. The discussion here covers only guidelines specific to pruning fruit trees.

Pruning Guidelines

•Prune all fruit and nut trees at planting time. Cut just above the height where you want the lowest branches to grow (usually 30 to 40 inches above the ground).

•Prune young trees very lightly; heavy pruning delays fruiting.

•Prune mature trees more heavily, especially if they have shown little growth.

•Prune the top portion of trees more heavily than the lower portion.

•Train young trees in the first few years after planting to avoid corrective pruning later. Spread main scaffolds to a 45° to 60° angle from the trunk.

•To keep trees small (unless they are dwarf trees) prune moderately every year and do not apply excess fertilizer, manure, or compost.

•Prune during the dormant season (after fall or early winter freezes, but before full bloom in spring).

•When removing large limbs, first cut partially through from the underside about 6 inches out from the collar, then make a second cut from the top a little farther out, cutting all the way through until the branch falls away. Finally, cut the stub back to the branch collar. Do not remove the branch collar.

•There is no need to paint pruning wounds. The best protection for a wound is to leave the branch collar intact so the tree is protected from wood-rotting fungi.

For additional information on how to properly prune your fruit trees contact the Lee County Extension Service at (606) 464-2759.

Simple Steps to Keep Scammers at Bay

KU and LG&E offer tips for customers as part of National Consumer Protection Week

Whether it's over the phone, through direct email, on the internet or a knock on your front door, today's con artists have no shortage of ways to take advantage of unsuspecting consumers. In an effort to keep scammers at bay and in conjunction with National Consumer Protection Week, Kentucky Utilities Company and Louisville Gas and Electric Company are reminding customers of tips to help avoid getting swindled and to guard against scams that could be associated with our company.

Several utility fraud schemes have swept the nation in recent years. One involves a caller who claims to be a utility employee and asks for immediate bill payment by credit card or prepaid money card. If the targeted customer does not cooperate, the caller threatens to disconnect the person's electric or natural gas service. In another, customers receive emails, from what appears to be their utility provider, stating a past due amount and directing them to click a link.

KU and LG&E offer the following SAFE advice to residential and business customers:

Secure your personal information: KU and LG&E will never call and ask for credit or debit card numbers or other personal information.

Always remember you have bill payment options: KU and LG&E offer customers a variety of official payment options. A complete list can be found at www.lge-ku.com/ways_to_pay.asp.

First check with KU and LG&E if you're suspicious: Customers who receive a suspicious live phone call, an email or letter should call KU and LG&E who will always verify official communications. KU customers should call 1-800-981-0600. LG&E customers should call 502-589-1444 (outside Louisville at 1-800-331-7370).

KU and LG&E encourage customers to always obtain positive identification in the event someone appears at their door stating they are there on any company's behalf. KU and LG&E employees carry authentic company ID badges which — whether issued to an employee or a contractor — show the companies' logos. An employee ID card always has the employee's name and color photograph on the front as well.

Marriages

Elizabeth Michelle Neal, 30, receptionist of Beattyville and David Rufus Short, 32, maintenance of Beattyville were married February 21.

Three Forks Jail Report

Timothy W. Arnold, charge: public intoxication controlled substance excludes alcohol; charge: theft by unlawful taking or disposition shoplifting u/$500; charge: possession controlled substance 3rd degree.

Darren J. Baker, charge: trafficking in controlled substance 1st degree 1st offense (opiates).

Billy Brooks, charge: burglary 3rd degree.

Christina D. Brown, charge: criminal possession of forged instrument 1st degree; charge: theft of identity of another w/o consent.

Randy Clemons, charge: receiving stolen property u/$10,000.

Linda K. Cornett, charge: possession of controlled substance 1st degree 1st offense; charge: possession controlled substance 3rd degree; charge: public intoxication controlled substance excludes alcohol; charge: drug paraphernalia, buy/possess; charge: prescription controlled substance not in proper container 1st offense.

Rakeisha Day, charge: receiving stolen property u/$500.

James Ray Dean, charge: manufacturing methamphetamine 1st offense; charge: persistent felony offender II.

Christopher Hall, charge: operating on suspended or revoked operators license; charge: probation violation for felony offense; charge: failure of owner to maintain required insurance 1st offense.

Eric F. Hollon, charge: serving warrant for other police agency; charge: flagrant non support.

Billy D. Ison Sr., charge: violation of KY EPO/DVO.

Larry J. McLemore, charge: assault 4th degree minor injury.

Manlia J. Molands, charge: flagrant non support.

Ryan Newton, charge: parole violation for technical violation; charge: parole violation for technical violation.

Heriberto Ortiz, charge: filing false report under KRS 304 subtitle 37.

Patty Ann Perry, charge: criminal possession of forged instrument 1st degree; charge: theft of identity of another w/o consent.

Tammy R. Reed, charge: public intoxication controlled substance excludes alcohol.

Paul G. Robinson Jr., charge: sexual abuse 1st degree victim u/12 years of age.

Ricky Jake Robinson, charge: operating motor vehicle under influence 2nd.

Patricia L. Sanders, charge: drug paraphernalia buy/possess 1st offense; charge: tampering with physical evidence; charge: carrying a concealed weapon; charge: prescription controlled substance not in proper container 1st offense; charge: possession controlled substance 1st degree 1st offense (opiates); charge: probation violation for felony offense; charge: trafficking controlled substance 2nd degree 1st offense.

Seth T. Scott, charge: persistent felony offender I.

Elisha Short, charge: assault 4th degree domestic violence minor injury; charge: domestic abuse.

Polly Short, charge: assault 4th degree domestic violence minor injury; charge: domestic violence.

Glynda Strong, charge: possession of marijuana; charge: public intoxication controlled substance excludes alcohol; charge: flagrant non support.

Richard Anthony Terry, charge: nonpayment of fines; charge: failure to comply.

Dewey E. Thorpe, charge: receiving stolen property u/$10,000.

Darrell M. Walker, charge: drug paraphernalia, buy/possess; charge: giving officer false name or address; charge: contempt of court libel/slander resistance to order.

Stacey A. Wilder, charge: weekender.

Anthony H. Williams, charge: assault 4th degree domestic violence minor injury.



My name is Phyllis Newman McCord and I am running for the office of Lee County Judge/Executive. I am the daughter of Ruth and Tony Newman (deceased) of Heidelberg. I am the sister of Jerry, Anthony, Peggy (Brandenburg), Vivian (Arnold), and Violet (Combs). I graduated from Lee County High School and moved to Lexington to get a job. I married Mike McCord (deceased) of Lexington, and have two children and four grandchildren. I attended Lexington Technical Institute and Liberty Baptist University.

Among those who know me I have a reputation for being honest, trustworthy, and open. What you see is what you get.

In Lexington, I co-owned and managed McCord Audio and Communication Systems. It was there that I learned why you don't hire friends and/or family when I had to fire my husband's only brother.

I worked 15 years for the Federal Medicare Part B office in Lexington several years in management. During that time I assumed responsibility for an area that was 48th in the nation and brought it to second in one year. I also worked approximately three years in Fraud and Abuse so I understand how important the laws, rules, and regulations are in performing the duties of Judge/Executive. I have strong management and leadership skills and the the determination to get the job done the first time.

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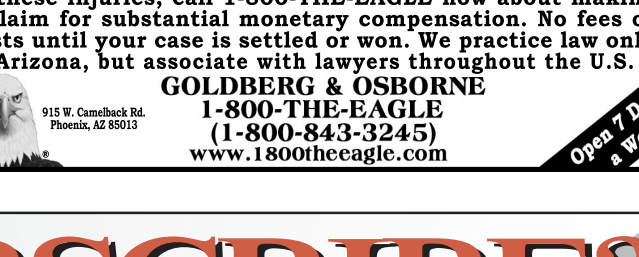
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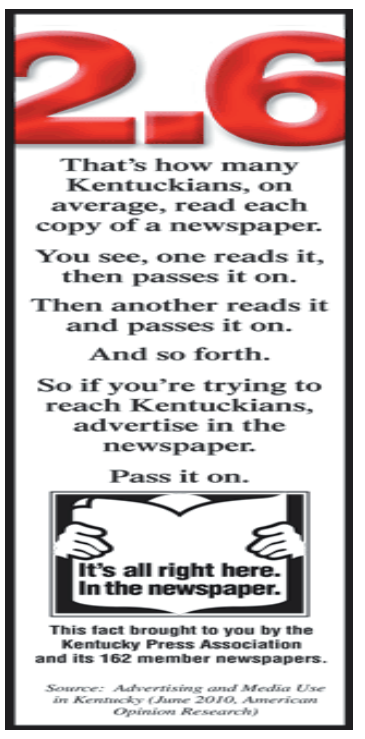
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Beattyville Christian Church opens its heart community

Submitted by Allen Booth

Sometimes the people of a community sadly run out of money before it runs out of month. During these times the church is called on to "step up to the plate" and help in the situation. It is the responsibility of those who have been blessed to share their blessings with those who are less fortunate. Much good can be said about "breaking bread" with and getting to know your neighbor. Much has been accomplished while sharing problems over a bowl of soup and a cup of coffee.

The ladies of the Beattyville Christian Church pooled their cooking experiences together and produced "food bait" which included sandwiches, desserts, crackers, drinks, and soups to include vegetable, potato, bean, and a hearty beef stew. Through their efforts one hundred or more were feed. More soup dinners are planned.

Pastor Jeff Porter is the minister of The Beattyville Christian Church.



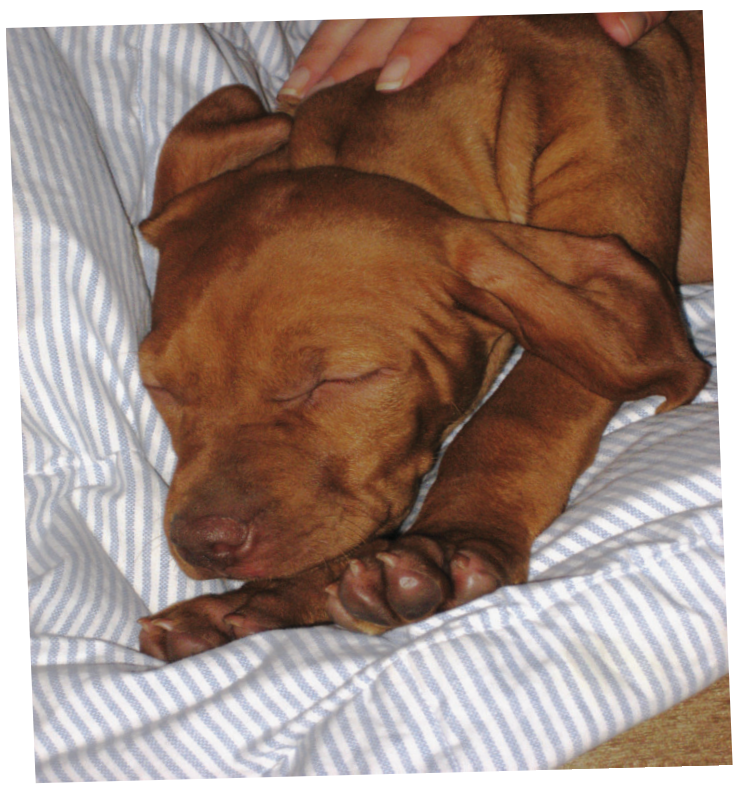
Community members gathered together last week at the Beattyville Christian Church to break bread and feast on homemade soups and other yummy treats.

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"Best Pet Around" CONTEST

Do you have the best pet around? Do you want to brag to the world how special your pet is?
The Beattyville Enterprise is having a contest so you can do just that. Just send us a photo of your pet along with a couple of sentences why you feel yours is the best. The deadline for submissions is Friday, March 28, 2014 by 5 P.M. If you wish to mail your entry cut out the entry form and send along with your photo and entry fee of $10 (For print costs) to: The Beattyville Enterprise, P.O. Box 126, Beattyville, KY 41311. All the pets will be featured in our April 10, 2014 issue in celebration of National Pet Month. The prizes are:

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